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Kersten Select Committee is making study of methods Communists used in subjugating Eastern European countries. Subject to obtaining consent of FED REP, Committee desires hold public hearings in Germany, probably Munich, during week April 18 to take testimony refugees from Iron Curtain countries. Main Committee would be preceded during week March 22 by two or three staff members to make necessary arrangements and line up witnesses. They plan stop London and Paris with idea of arranging for witnesses there to be brought Munich.

Tentative decision hold hearings only Germany made after discussion with Kersten of experience with Katyn hearings. We pointed out that reaction Germans to question holding such hearings might not be so favorable as in Katyn hearings, because in latter Germans were vindicated of massacre. Furthermore, Germans now further along road to sovereignty and FED REP sensitive re charges of being <sup>puppet</sup> ~~strange~~ of US. Therefore essential to obtain its consent to holding hearings.

Request you get reaction German Government to above plans and advise us immediately. We are discussing with Krekeler here.

Would appreciate comments Paris, ~~and~~ London, and Munich.

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